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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATION ON COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL
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1. U.S. PROPOSALS DISCUSSED IN REFTEL WERE MAILED IN OPEN
MAIL NOV 1 BY THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES DIRECTLY TO DOLGIKH
OF THE MAIN ARCHIVAL ADMINISTRATION. CU/EE IS POUCHING TO
EMBASSY NOV 16 ADDITIONAL COPY OF PROPOSALS IN CASE THE
ORIGINAL HAS BEEN DELAYED ENROUTE.

2. COVERING LETTER TO DOLGIKH NOV 1 STATED THAT "THE U.S.
MEMBERS LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS OF THESE MATTERS WITH
THEIR USSR COUNTERPARTS AT THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON
BEGINNING DEC 8".

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3. WE HAVE PASSED LIST OF NAMES CONTAINED REFTEL TO

NATIONAL ARCHIVES FOR THEIR INFORMATION. NATIONAL ARCHIVES IS SOMEWHAT UNSURE OF WHAT HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS IT SHOULD MAKE FOR THE SOVIET DELEGATION. FIRM AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURES WAS NOT REACHED DURING THE OCT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, THOUGH THE SOVIETS DO MENTION THEIR USUAL SENDING SIDE PAYS TRAVEL RECEIVING SIDE PAYS

MAINTENANCE FORMULA IN A DRAFT AGREEMENT SUBMITTED AT THAT TIME TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES (BUT WHICH THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES HAS NOT ACCEPTED).

4. NATIONAL ARCHIVES WOULD PREFER TO PAY PER DIEM TO ITS DELEGATIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION AND ASK THE SOVIETS TO PAY THEIR OWN COSTS IN THE U.S. THEY ARE WILLING, HOWEVER, TO AGREE TO THE USUAL SOVIET FORMULA IF THE SOVIETS INSIST. REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSY ASCERTAIN CURRENT SOVIET VIEW-POINT, POINTING OUT THAT SINCE NATIONAL ARCHIVES STAFF CONSISTS OF USG EMPLOYEES, IT WOULD PREFER THE USUAL USG PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH SENDING SIDE PAYS ALL COSTS.

5. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM SOVIETS THAT NATIONAL ARCHIVES SEES DEC 8 MEETING AS LASTING APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS. KISSINGER

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